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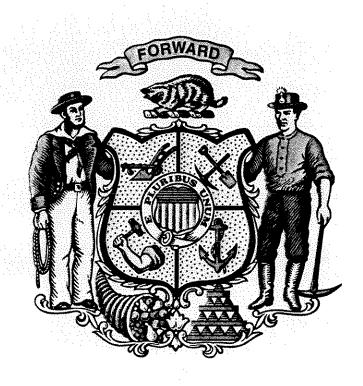
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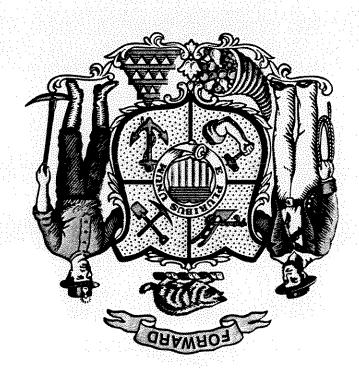
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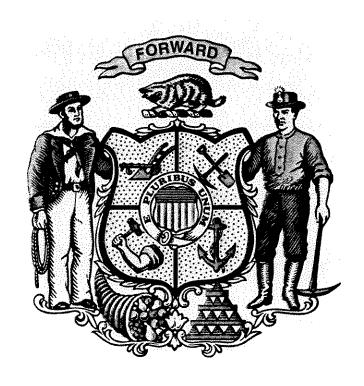
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TO Assembly BILL 40

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Amend <u>BILL</u> as follows:

- 1. On page 2, line 4, after that line insert the following
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MARK POCAN

WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Rep. Steve Freese and Legislative Reference Bureau

FROM:

Representatives Mark Pocan

DATE:

January 22, 2001

RE:

Amendments to LRB-1848/1 and LRB-1849/1

In accordance with the 24 hour rule on amendments before an executive session, I would like to draft the following two amendments for tomorrow's meeting:

LRB-1848/1 (AB 39)

On page 1, line 7 insert after 'statewide voter registration list'

"and addressing issues of personal privacy."

LRB-1849/1 (AB 40)

On page 1, line 5 insert after 'establishing a program for the'

"recruitment, compensation,"

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 266-8570.

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 39

January 19, 2001 – Introduced by Committee on Campaigns and Elections. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

AN ACT relating to: requiring the elections board to make recommendations regarding statewide voter registration and maintenance of a statewide voter registration list.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, every municipality with a population of greater than 5,000 is required to maintain a voter registration list. This bill directs the elections board to prepare recommendations with regard to requiring voter registration in every municipality and maintaining a statewide voter registration list. The elections board must submit the recommendations to the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees of both houses by April 16, 2001.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.

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(1) The elections board shall prepare recommendations with regard to requiring voter registration in every municipality in this state and maintaining a statewide voter registration list. No later than April 16, 2001, the elections board find $f_{\rm tot}$

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 40

January 19, 2001 - Introduced by Committee on Campaigns and Elections. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

AN ACT relating to: requiring the elections board to make recommendations relating to the training and certification of election officials.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law requires the elections board to conduct regular information and training meetings at various locations in the state for county and municipal clerks and other election officials. In addition, each municipal clerk must instruct election officials in their duties. Although current law does not require election officials to be certified, the governing body of any municipality may require all persons serving as election officials in that municipality to prove their ability to read and write English and to have a general knowledge of the election laws. A municipality may administer examinations to determine whether these qualifications are met.

This bill directs the elections board to prepare recommendations with regard to establishing a program for the training and certification of election officials. The elections board must submit the recommendations to the legislature for distribution to the appropriate standing committees of both houses by April 16, 2001.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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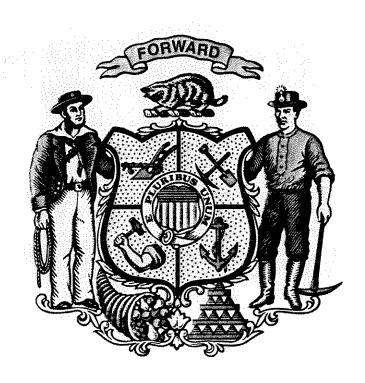
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The elections board shall prepare recommendations with regard to establishing a program for the training and certification of election officials. No later



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Testimony Before the Assembly Campaigns & Elections Committee

Hearing

January 18, 2001

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today at this important hearing. My name is Larry Marx and I'm Co-Executive Director of Wisconsin Citizen Action, the state's largest public interest organization. We have 53,000 members statewide and 250-dues-paying affiliate organizations from labor, community, senior citizen, faith, environmental, family farm and other organizations. Our interest in voter participation comes out of our recent experience with a non-partisan get-out-the-vote effort we conducted in the Latino community in Milwaukee, traditionally the lowest turnout area in the entire city. We succeeded in raising turnout some 30% in 21 targeted wards, bringing 2,453 brand new voters to the polls. For some it was the first time in their lives that they exercised their franchise and it was an incredibly moving and exciting experience to see them take their.

We very much appreciate the interest of the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections in voter reform. We want to emphasize from the start that we applaud your efforts to reduce the opportunity for fraud in Wisconsin elections, but we think it is a false dichotomy to assume that the goals of reducing voter fraud and increasing voter participation are at odds.

Wisconsin has a proud tradition of being a high voter participation state. As you know, Wisconsin ranked third in the nation in voter turnout on November 7th with 66% of eligible voters going to the polls, as compared to 53% nationally. Wisconsin's turnout also marked an 8.6% increase over 1996, the sharpest rise of any state in the nation. In Milwaukee, 2245,670 people voted, 53% of those eligible to vote and 67% of those pre-registered to vote by October 25th. We believe we need to build on this tradition of increasing voter participation while also reducing the opportunity for fraud.

The problem is *not* too many voters having too easy a time of voting — it's too *few poll workers having too hard a time of overseeing and processing our elections*. The same factors that open the door to fraud also work to slam the door on increased voter participation. I personally witnessed last November incredibly long lines and more than hour-long waits for people to vote in Milwaukee. We suggest that the committee adopt a standard for its list of reforms that asks "Will it make it both harder to cheat and easier to vote?" Under that standard, we applaud and support LRB 1848, 1849 and 1850. Adding better training for poll workers, a state-maintained computerized database of registered voters, and standardizing and expanding polling hours will go a long way to both reduce

fraud and increase the participation of voters. But LRB 1032, 1033 and 1034 increase the barriers to voting in the name of fraud reduction. We are opposed to these changes in voting procedures because they would roll back the clock and have the effect of reducing turn-out, particularly amongst lower income voters and voters of color who already vote at rates far below the white middle class.

We believe that the committee should consider the following agenda of 6 progressive electoral reforms could both enhance voter participation and reduce the instances of fraud:

- More poll watchers and more and better training to prevent fraud (increase funding for both).
 LRB 1849 goes part of the way there.
- 2. Provision of bilingual poll watchers and/or translators in areas with a heavy concentration of bilingual populations.
- 3. Bilingual ballots where appropriate or available on request everywhere. Currently, Hispanic, Hmong and other populations with primary languages other than English are hindered from voting on referenda and from correct filling out of ballots due to the provision English-only language on ballots. I have personally witnessed some new American citizens almost giving up out of frustration in not having anyone able to answer their questions about voting and how to use the ballot.
- 4. Expansion and standardization of voting hours to alleviate lines of voters and the accompanying stress on poll workers (such as LRB 1850). This will simultaneously make it easier for working people to vote and reduce the opportunity for mistakes and fraud that comes from a few number of poll workers processing a heavy concentration of voters filing through in a sharply limited amount of time.
- 5. Statewide, centrally maintained computerized database of registered voters to prevent fraud (LRB 1848).
- 6. Use a portion of the millions spent to advertise the state lottery for advertising campaigns on registering to vote and following correct voting procedures. It's incredible that our state government teaches people how to gamble better than it teaches them how to vote.
- 7. Maintain Wisconsin's pride of place as one of the nation's traditionally, highest turnout states, behind only Maine and Minnesota in the last presidential election. Retain same day voter registration, and maximal means (personal corroboration, utility bills, no photo ID requirement, etc.) to prove residence status for registration, and maintain ease of voting absentee.

With more poll workers, better training, a statewide, computerized list of registered voters and better education around voting procedures, we can make it both harder to cheat and easier to vote. On behalf of our 53,000 members and our coalition of 250 affiliates, we urge this committee to use a standard for reforms of doing both and not forcing us to choose between two important American principles.